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§ 312 AMENDMENT

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for his courtesy in the telephone interview to discuss the pending allowed claims. It is respectfully requested to eliminated unnecessary limitations and to clarify the definition of the invention that the allowed claims be amended to read:

- A module [An elongated flexible tubular member] for use in forming 1. (Amended) a floodwater barrier system, the module having an elongated flexible tubular member, the tubular member having a cavity open at its opposite ends, the tubular member having at least one fill opening [and at least one sealable drain], the improvement to which comprises:
 - (a) a first rigid end cap attachable to one of the open ends of the tubular member in a manner to seal the one open end, and
 - (b) a second rigid end cap attachable to the other end of the tubular member in a manner to seal the other end, each of the first and second rigid end caps